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FIELD HOSPITALS OF ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Army field hospitals are facing acute shortage of doctors;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to transfer surplus medical officers/doctors from command hospitals to field units in order to meet the shortage in operational areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): There is no acute shortage of doctors in the field medical units against the existing authorization.

(c) The deployment in Command hospitals is commensurate to the workload at these hospitals. Appropriate arrangements for health care of troops in operational areas are always ensured by the Services.